

talities. And extent, and mastered an amount of information which served him in good stead in the high calling to which he devoted himself. And his was not merely a thirst for secular knowledge; their experience—in which all more or less take delight,—but his was a thirst which carried him to the deeper fountains of truth, and the more solemn questions which pertain to our spiritual life. And so much did he distinguish himself in this respect, that when he was admitted to the membership of the church over which the late Mr. McGill presided, at Montrose street, Glasgow, that man of God remarked to his (Mr. Hunter's) father, that in all his experience as a minister, he had never examined one of his age that had attained to such a degree of Christian knowledge.

He was the third of a family of ten sons and two daughters, and with the family he immigrated to this country in 1842, and settled on a beautiful farm in the township of Pilkington, Wellington County, where they soon succeeded in adding largely to their original possessions, and raising themselves to a position of independence and influence in the neighborhood. But before they did so, they had, like all our early settlers, to labor hard for years, and face many difficulties of which we have little experience,—and in all these our departed friend had his full share. But he was always hopeful and cheerful, pressing on to nobler attainments and to a richer experience of divine things. The death of his father, a most worthy and pious man, which took place about fourteen years ago, and the often-expressed desire of his father that he should give himself to the work of the ministry, had a great effect in leading him ultimately to take this step; and I can remember as if it were yesterday, how, in visiting the family about that time, how modestly he made known to me his father's desire, and then not till I had first broken the ice, and suggested the propriety of giving himself to a work in which faithful men were so much needed at that time. I remember how diffidently and anxiously he looked upon such an undertaking; but after he made up his mind, and left his happy home, and the splendid fields which were now yielding abundantly, he never looked back, but prosecuted his higher studies with a zeal which carried him over every difficulty, till he finished his course with joy, and won for himself a high place in the kingdom.

Mr. Hunter was qualified, in many respects, not only to discharge his duty efficiently in the pulpit, but to take a prominent place in the courts of the church; and if he did not make himself felt in the higher court till the last meeting, it was simply because he thought *his* time had not come. To a singularly earnest and affectionate nature he added a calmness, and steadiness, and thoughtfulness, which lent great weight to his counsels, and which bade fair to raise him to a high place in the church. One so highly gifted by nature, and so well furnished by education for the work of the ministry, could not but be a success. You yourselves are all witnesses this day to his fidelity as a pastor, and his kindness as a friend—how earnestly he counselled you and warned you, and never so happy as when he saw that the work was prospering which God had given him to do.

His was but a short ministerial life—only five years; and he gave them all to you—the fruit of all his studies and talents to you. He came to you while yet a student; diffident and doubtful as to whether God had called him to the work of the ministry, and whether he was the right man to build up a people so scattered and peeled as you had been; but you know how he won upon your affections; how he rose in your esteem, as year after year passed on; how he gathered in a people that were once no people, and was the means of not only building two new churches, but